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Campaign launched to rally support against animal testing

By ABIGAIL DALBEY
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The Humane Society of the United States has launched a nationwide campaign to increase public awareness about the use of laboratory animals in testing for harmful effects of cosmetics.

The slogan of the campaign, which began in October, is "The Beautiful Choice."

"The purpose of this campaign is to make this an issue and to help consumers find the products that have

not been tested on animals," said Martin Stephens, director of the laboratory animal department of the Humane Society.

"We promote (cosmetic) companies that do not do these tests," he said.

Since the kick-off of the campaign, approximately twenty-five manufacturers have joined the Humane Society, he said. Among these manufacturers are big names like Avon, Revlon, Mary Kay and Estee Lauder.

"There's a general desire in the

cosmetic industry to move away from animal testing," Stephens said. "Beautiful Choice" products can be identified by the slogan on the packaging, or the mention of the slogan in advertisements.

Many health food stores and some drug stores carry the products, Stephens said.

"Public sentiment is in our favor," Stephens said. "People have said they would pay more for products not tested on animals."

The two main tests performed on animals by cosmetics companies are

the Lethal Dose 50 test and the Draize test, according to a pamphlet produced by the Humane Society.

In the Lethal Dose 50 test, a group of animals is fed or injected with a substance to determine if the animals will die when exposed to the substance.

The poisoning signs of this test are bleeding from the eyes nose or mouth, breathing trouble, convulsions, paralysis and coma, according to the pamphlet.

The Draize test involves testing substances in the eyes of live re-

strained rabbits. The results can range from minor redness, bleeding of the eyeball to blindness.

Scientifically, both of these tests are often inaccurate because of the biological differences between humans and animals, according to a fact sheet produced by the Humane Society.

As alternatives the Humane Society suggests using the insensitive membrane of a fertilized chicken egg or single-celled organisms for the test. Both are sensitive to many chemical substances, but there is no

pain involved.

The Humane Society thinks the use of the Lethal Dose 50 test and the Draize test is ethically wrong according to the fact sheet. The tests cause needless pain to animals and waste their lives (all the surviving animals are killed two weeks after the tests are over).

Since the launching of this campaign, the manufacturers who are part of "The Beautiful Choice" campaign have seen a rise in their sales and other manufacturers' interests have been stimulated, said Stephens.

Engineering, open meetings, topics of chat

By STACEY KOSIER
TCU Daily Skiff

The Chat with the Chancellor Wednesday afternoon allowed concerned students to ask Chancellor William E. Tucker questions about the newly approved engineering program, the athletic department and the TCU Board of Trustees.

About 20 students attended the informal question-and-answer session in the Student Center Lounge. The Chat was established two years ago by the House of Student Representatives.

Engineering department

For the size of the university, TCU has a narrow base of degree programs to offer incoming students, and one of the areas TCU lacks is an engineering program, Tucker said.

"Our interest is in broadening the base of TCU," he said. "We do not intend to expand the base at the expense of other departments."

An engineering program within the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences was approved by the Board of Trustees Nov. 16. The interest from \$10 million in the university's unrestricted fund was set aside by the trustees to support the new department and other priorities recommended by Tucker.

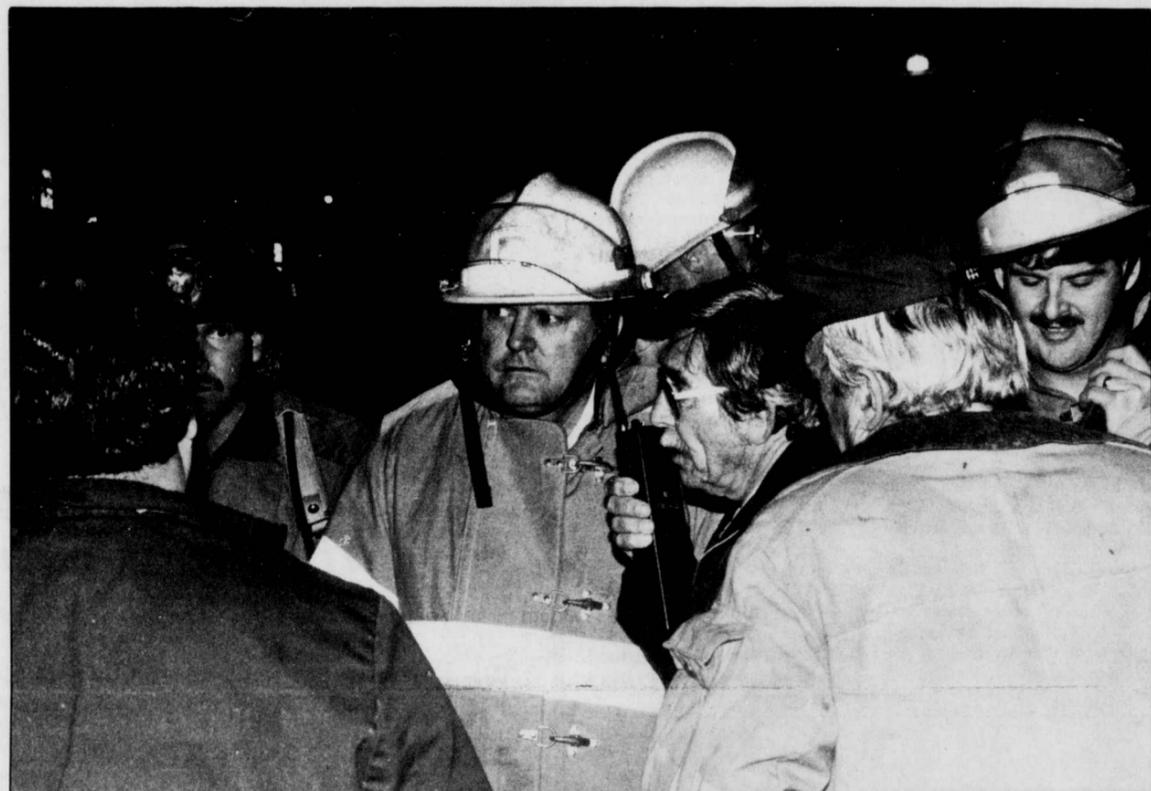
The first engineering students are expected to enroll in 1992.

During the '90s it is likely many of the programs that are popular now will "dry up or become unattractive," Tucker said. The decision to look at new departments was made because TCU possibly could have fewer programs by the end of the decade, he said.

TCU's engineering department will be competitive with other established engineering degree programs, Tucker said.

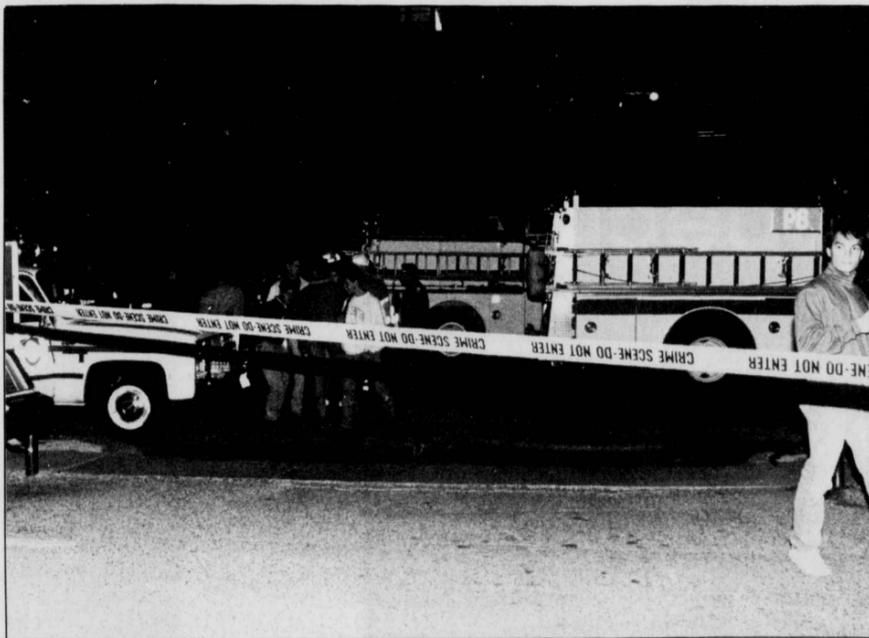
"We're talking about a relatively small department, but a good program," he said. "I don't

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(Above) James Clark, chief of Hazardous Materials for the Fort Worth Fire Department, consults with other firefighters about the fire that began about 7 p.m. Wednesday in the fourth-floor chemical research lab of the Sid Richardson Building. The fire department today will investigate the cause of the fire and whether any chemicals were involved. (Left) spectators were kept a block away from the building because of the threat of exposure to hazardous materials possibly involved in the fire.



Lab fire causes damage, concern

By ROBYN E. ADAMS
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TCU Daily Skiff

A two-alarm fire that started about 7 p.m. Wednesday in the fourth-floor chemistry research lab of the Sid Richardson Building, caused an evacuation of the building and an estimated \$100,000 in damages to the lab, Fort Worth Fire Department officials said.

No fire fighters were treated for injuries, said Greg Stone, a specialist with the fire department's Hazardous Materials division, and no other injuries were reported.

Witnesses reported that no fire alarms went off and no sprinklers went off in the building.

Members of the Hazardous Materials division performed a routine general decontamination of fire fighters after the fire was extinguished about 8:15 p.m., said James Clark, chief of Hazardous Materials.

Butch Hall from the public information office of the fire department said that they sent in the hazardous materials team because they had to be very cautious because of the potential danger of the situation.

Chemicals in the lab, Room 471, at the time of the fire included the compound aniline, fire department officials said.

According to the Mary Coats Burnett Library reference department, aniline is a highly poisonous, flammable compound suspected of causing cancer.

The compound is used by biologists and chemists to stain bacteria and other organisms to be studied.

Fort Worth police kept bystanders a block away from the building because of the danger of hazardous materials burning.

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Merchants to bring craft items for fair

By KATHERINE THOMPSON
TCU Daily Skiff

The 13th annual Christmas Fair Thursday and Friday will give TCU students and staff a chance to get in the Christmas spirit as well as take care of some Christmas shopping.

Thirty merchants from the Metroplex and one as far away as New Mexico will bring their handmade items to the Student Center Lounge from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Students can buy items such as jewelry, wooden crafts, ceramics and Christmas decorations.

The Christmas Fair is sponsored by Programming Council. Most vendors will accept personal checks from students and staff, said Lynn Newman, Programming Council adviser.

Mary Tannen will travel from Albuquerque, N.M., to sell Indian

jewelry, said Laurie Trautner, TGIF chairwoman and coordinator of the fair.

Another merchant, Helen Breithaupt will attend the fair for the 13th year to sell her ceramic goods.

"I love the TCU show," she said. "It's the fun one for me."

Breithaupt said she was one of the vendors when the fair started 13 years ago. She said her ceramic Christmas decorations, pigs, cows, teddy bears and other figures are always big sellers, and she leaves the fair each year with back orders for items.

One merchant with TCU ties will be demonstrating quilting, which she said was more like an art form than a craft.

Anna Wallace, who retired in 1976 as emeritus dean of admissions,

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Air time
TCU alumnus Bobby Estill is making his mark in the television news business.

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Outside

Today's weather will be sunny and cool with a high temperature of 58 degrees and a low temperature of 28 degrees.

Friday's weather will be slightly warmer and sunny with a high temperature of 62 degrees and a low temperature of 32 degrees.

Biblical scholar to speak on Judaic and Christian issues

By JEFF LEA
TCU Daily Skiff

Walter J. Harrelson, an international scholar on the Hebrew Bible, will speak on campus today about Judaic and Christian issues.

"He's an internationally known scholar of the Hebrew Bible," said Leo Perdue, dean of Brite Divinity School. "He's one of the top people in his field."

Harrelson, an emeritus professor of Bible at Vanderbilt Divinity School, will speak about spirituality in the era the Bible was written in his lecture, "Spirituality in the Hebrew Scriptures: Holiness, Justice, and Community in Ancient Israel and Today," Perdue said.

The lecture, which is free to the public, will be at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom and will be followed by a discussion and reception.

Earlier in the day, Harrelson will speak at Brite Divinity's Weatherly Hall about Christian misinterpretations in reading the Hebrew Bible in his lecture, "Christian Misreadings of Basic Themes in the Hebrew Scriptures," Perdue said.

The lecture begins at 11 a.m. and is open to the public.

Harrelson's visit to Brite Divinity is being sponsored by the TCU Research Fund and the First Christian Church of Port Arthur, he said.

Perdue said Harrelson is most noted for his work as the vice chairman of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible which was released this year. Harrelson has also been the Director of the Ecumenical Institute for Theological Research in Jerusalem, Perdue said.

Harrelson will discuss how the Hebrew Bible is interpreted and how it has led to varying beliefs between Christians and Jews, Perdue said. Many times, Christian beliefs are read into the Bible, and this has caused strained relationships between the two religions, he said.

There is much to learn about the varied viewpoints centered around the Hebrew Bible, Perdue said.

"I hope people will get a deeper appreciation that the Hebrew Bible has its function of scripture in related religions (Christianity and Judaism)," Perdue said. "We need to be more sensitive on how we handle the Hebrew Bible."

Harrelson will also discuss anti-Semitic issues as they pertain to the Bible and Christianity, Perdue said.

Perdue said he also hoped people would leave with a sense of the religious experience that is depicted in the Hebrew Bible at the time that Hebrews and Israelites came into God.

CAMPUSlines

Pre-law association will have a speaker at 5:15 p.m. today in Student Center Room 202. The speaker will talk about a Dec. 7 trip to Baylor.

Middle East Forum will be held by the International Student Association at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 in the Student Center Lounge. The program will include viewpoints of faculty and students.

Research Fund Lectureship will present Dr. Lawrence Etkin, M.D. of Houston, Texas at 12 p.m. Friday in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4. The lecture title is "Role of Maternal Gene Products".

Films Committee will present "Days of Thunder" Friday night, and "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" Saturday night in the Student Center Ballroom. Showtimes are 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. and admission is \$1.50.

Greek Ministries Steering Committee is sponsoring a program called "Good Grief," which will explore issues of alcohol, grief and faith. Any organizations interested in helping co-sponsor the program please contact Jennifer O'Loughlin as soon as possible at 294-8329.

Mathematics department will hold a reception honoring Miss Janet Lysaght on Dec. 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Winton-Scott Hall Room 112.

Operation Desert Shield Support Group meets at 4 p.m. Tuesdays in Student Center Room 216. For more details, call Anthony Colello at 292-1764.

TCU CAN (Community Action Network) meets at 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Reading Room A.

Congress challenges need for U.N. Gulf ultimatum

By DONNA CASSATA and LAURA KING
Associated Press

Iraq will have less than seven weeks to withdraw nearly a half million troops from Kuwait before it faces the prospect of a U.N.-authorized military strike, the Soviet ambassador to the United Nations said Tuesday.

Meanwhile in Washington, Senate Democrats challenged President Bush's Persian Gulf policy, questioning the immediate need for offensive military action to oust Iraqi forces from Kuwait and demanding a greater role in the crisis.

"The question is not whether military action is justified. It is," said Sen. Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which began several days of hearings on the Gulf crisis. "The question is whether military action is wise at this time and in our own national interest."

The hearings were called in reaction to Bush's decision to send an additional 200,000 troops to the gulf to provide an "offensive military option."

With the administration seeking U.N. approval for the use of force in the gulf, some committee members said the president also must make the same request of Congress.

House Speaker Thomas Foley, in remarks to newly elected House Democrats, underscored the point. "I would personally want to have some assurance from the administration that no action would be taken prior to this Congress meeting, or it would be necessary to think seriously about calling in the previous Congress," he said.

The opening day of the session also was marked by the conspicuous absence of the administration's top military officials — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The two will testify Monday morning.

Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., said the policy change to underline a U.S. attack capability undermines the nation's attempts to maintain international support for the sanctions "by declaring, through its own word and those of the imminent U.N. resolu-

tion, that our patience was almost spent."

Committee member Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., declared, "If ever there is a case for giving peace a chance, this is it."

Yet another panel Democrat, Alan Dixon of Illinois, suggested that the administration's "priorities are slightly misplaced."

"To the best of my knowledge it is the United States Congress that declares war for the United States," Dixon said.

Republican John McCain of Arizona declared, "The issue is not prerogatives, it is patriotism."

Nunn asked, "Has the president limited our options by creating a 'use it or lose it' situation with the deployment of such a large U.S. force to the Persian Gulf?"

John Glenn, D-Ohio, said the administration has yet to make its case for military attack in the gulf, arguing that the nation "cannot get into a war that is not fully understood and backed by the American people. We need more than sound-bite justification."

The panel heard from former CIA Director James Schlesinger, who testified that the United States believes it will take about a year for international sanctions against Iraq to take full effect.

Schlesinger told the panel that that was "an official estimate." The one time CIA director and defense secretary did not indicate the basis for his statement.

"A year, to me, seems to be in the right ballpark," Schlesinger said, time enough "to drain off the cash that is now sustaining the smuggling operations that bring in food."

"His society is bleeding and it's going to get worse with the passage of time," Schlesinger said. But it may take somewhat longer for those difficulties to lead Saddam to change his mind and withdraw from Kuwait, he said.

Schlesinger said the United States must show tenacity and "we must be prepared to stay a year" in the desert of the Mideast.

Meanwhile, three Americans waving Iraqi and American flags arrived in Jordan after being freed by Iraq's leader, Saddam Hussein.

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said the ancient art of quilling began in the 15th century in Italy and England as a favorite pastime of nuns and ladies of the royal court.

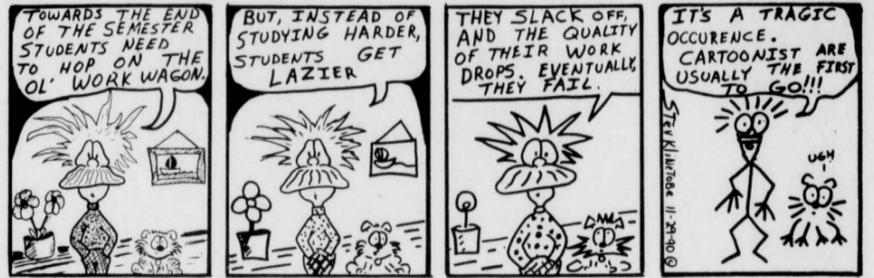
Quilling originally involved rolling small pieces of paper onto a feather of a bird, giving the art form its name. Today, there are special tools for rolling.

Wallace said a friend showed her

how to do the basic roll, but she taught herself the variations that transform paper into flowers, animals and people. She has continued to make the figures for 10 years and has participated in other craft shows over the years.

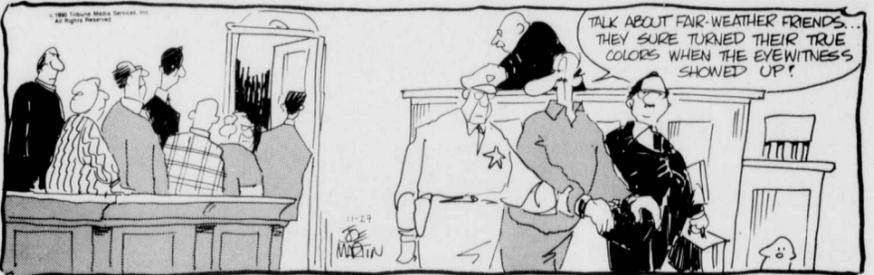
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Letter to the Editor

Cheap oil

Once again it has happened — the *Skiff* has become another battleground for two different views: one advocating that unrest in the Arabian Peninsula is not worth the cost in money or human lives or anything else for that matter, the other totally lambasting that view and comparing the Iraqi invasion to a mugging scene — in which we are obligated to stop the bully and assist the victim plus get our cheap oil back.

I'm not going to sit here and end up telling everyone who is right or wrong on this issue, because there is too much for all of us to know to be able to make a concrete judgement on it. What we should be concentrating on is how to deal the consequences resulting from Saddam Hussein's grabby-pest nature.

Environmentalists have said it time and again until they turn blue in the face: We need to take drastic energy conservation measures right now — not later or next year. They preached it even during the times when oil was, in fact, inexpensive and prices at the fuel pumps were affordable. Yet in spite of the major oil crises the United States has suffered in the past two decades, hardly anybody seems to care about conservation.

Why must the United States import so much of the oil it uses?

Think about this very carefully.

We drive at faster speeds than necessary, drag-race for fun, neglect the mechanical care of our vehicles, demand national speed limits be raised more and more, burn lights and run appliances when they don't need to be burning or running, set the thermostats higher in winter and lower in summer than at more economical levels, drive to destinations where walking or biking would do (and many university students are especially guilty of this), throw away garbage that could be recycled instead (which TCU

seems to want to do instead of implementing campus-wide recycling) and so on.

Folks, we have a serious attitude problem here.

Energy conservation is something we should all be thinking about constantly — not just when a major political crisis flares up in the Persian Gulf or the Middle East. It should have been put into effect during the 1973 Arab-Israeli War, during the time when the Shah Mohammed Pahlavi of Iran was deposed, and especially during the periods before and after Aug. 2, 1990.

So the next time the crush of high fuel prices overcomes and drives you up the wall, don't get angry and blame our man in Iraq for the trouble or start pushing Uncle George for a big military strike to end the turmoil and "get our cheap oil back."

Start conserving energy now — here at TCU and in your home. Cliche as it sounds, how about turning off the lights and appliances when the room is not occupied, driving slower and only when necessary, walking to class and to the Main or Worth Hills campuses when it is possible to do so, keeping your vehicle engine and emission system in good shape, recycling items like aluminum cans and newspapers, replacing high energy-inefficient appliances with efficient ones, and setting the thermostats to reasonable levels defined by federal regulation? I believe we can all do at least that much.

Unless we change our habits and attitudes, if the next generation has to thrive on several times fewer energy resources than we do now, it will be mostly our fault — not Saddam Hussein's.

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Letter policy

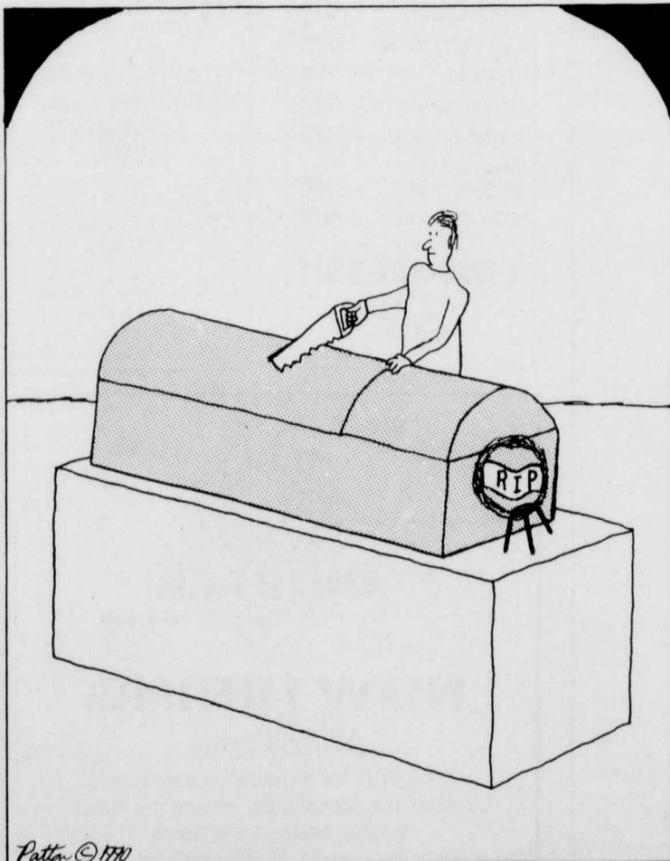
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The 8th Dimension by Edward Patton



When a magician dies.

Simple solutions to problems

By GREG LYNCH
 Columnist



You know, sometimes living at this school you can start to feel like a well-cared-for child. College is one of the most important growing steps for people. At a university, far from the safety and security of the home they grew up in, college students start to learn more about the real world and real society.

But I haven't really felt that at TCU. It seems as if certain facts of life, as it were, cannot intrude upon the campus. All "undesirable" elements of society are glossed over and ignored. If they ever are addressed, they are treated as minor and unimportant.

This is probably not even a conscious action by the administration, the faculty or the students, but it is a fact. True, TCU is not as repressive as many other schools, such as Baylor or some of the militantly religious campuses around the nation, but it remains conservative in the extreme.

There, the dramatic and self-serving beginning is out of the way. Let me illustrate two points that have been brought up to me often by friends and acquaintances on campus. Neither of them are of outstanding importance, in fact, they are both fairly minor.

They do serve, however, to exemplify some of the ways in which TCU students are protected from the real world, the world outside their doors and off the campus.

It seems as if certain facts of life, as it were, cannot intrude upon the campus. All "undesirable" elements of society are glossed over and ignored.

For one thing, nowhere on this campus can a student buy cigarettes. You can go down to Staples and buy all the lighters you want, but if you want cigarettes, you gotta go to 7-11.

Admittedly, there's a lot of people who don't like smoking, a lot of people who are offended by it. Despite this, TCU should have some regard for those students who do enjoy smoking. Even if it becoming a social *faux pas*, students should be able to get cigarettes without having to go off campus.

The university should put cigarettes in the bookstore, in Staples and install a cigarette machine in the Student Center, near the phone booths or something.

There should also be cigarette machines installed in the residence halls, machines students could get access to late at night after the Student Center has been closed and locked.

The cigarette machine would probably be better, considering the price Staples would be sure to charge for a simple pack of cigarettes. Still, if students could get cigarettes at Staples they could buy them with their meal card.

Another item that should be put in Staples is condoms. Let's face facts. There's sex on this campus. Nothing wrong with that, no big deal. There's sex on every campus. There's also sexually transmitted diseases and the problem of student pregnancy.

Making condoms easily available to students in either the bookstore or Staples would not aggravate the problem, or encourage the students, but it would help prevent STDs and pregnancy.

The university should also consider putting condoms in the "Good Stuff" packages students get at the beginning of every year when they move into the dorms.

Lastly, the administration should have condom machines installed in the restrooms on campus. In Europe, where the campaign against AIDS has been taken far more seriously than in the United States, there are condom machines in almost every restroom. And it has proved effective.

While the presence of condoms in Staples, "Good Stuff" packages, restrooms or the bookstore might scandalize the parents of prospective students, the benefits of making condoms available to the students far outweigh the possibility of a few prudish parents forbidding their children to attend TCU.

So there it is, condoms and cigarettes in Staples. Before and after, if you will.

And these are only two of the problems at TCU which need to be addressed. There's also the alcohol policy, tenure, closed trustee meetings, rising tuition, forbidden police reports, Marriott, lack of a good rape crisis program, new schools we don't have the money for, etcetera, ad nauseum.

SADDAM - WHICH PATH WILL HE CHOOSE?



Movies mirror American society

By CARL KOZLOWSKI
 Columnist



Do Americans think anymore?

I'm not talking about mere lapses in common sense, like walking in front of a speeding car at an intersection without looking first. There's nothing a person can really do about that. What I'm asking is if Americans really use their sense of reason on matters of true importance these days.

These musings have been inspired by the first two really intelligent, thoughtful, mainstream American movies in a long time: "Avalon" and "Dances With Wolves".

Sure, there have been other films this year that have forced the viewer to think constantly or probe some deep issues ("Flatliners" and "Jacob's Ladder" among them), but even these have bombarded the senses along the way, hammering their points home in places and not really letting viewers draw their own conclusions.

"Dances" and "Avalon" are far different — a return to restraint and subtlety that allows viewers to think while having a great time at the movies.

"Dances With Wolves" is the directing debut of superstar actor Kevin Costner, and an amazing debut at that. The movie shows how a white American cavalry officer in the 1860s faces Indian tribes while alone on the prairie, first with a fear born of misunderstanding and inbred racial hatred, and then gradually with deep friendship.

It is a far different view of the Indians and America's expansion to the west than any history book will ever show you.

History books have always taught the white settlers were brave heroes, and the Indians were savage peoples blocking their rightful passage to gain lands for our wonderful nation.

Any abuse of the Indians is almost always glossed over as a necessary occurrence. However, as "Dances" reveals, the real story is a real shame. The white treatment of the In-

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dians was unbelievably brutal, and grew out of a complete unwillingness to try to understand their lives and customs.

Of course, you can also parallel this with America's treatment of African Americans, both as slaves and as the "free" citizens of today. American history texts rewrite history, creating heroism out of madness. Very few people ever bother to question, and that is a shame.

What's really ironic about our sense of history is the fact that the United States is currently crying out against Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, speaking as if we are the conscience of the world and the leading example of human rights.

Based on what? Sure, we have grown past legalized slavery and given the Indians fragments of our most worthless land as reservations with all sorts of subsidized living expenses, but the ugly fact still remains that this country has a past coated with a lot of blood.

Other countries are even more guilty, of course — especially those in the former Soviet bloc of Eastern Europe. At least they are admitting to the mass atrocities and bloodshed of their past and/or present.

What is especially frightening in this time of imminent war and bloodshed is the utter blindness and lack of thought on the American public as a whole. Individual pockets of resistance exist, but there is nothing approaching the mass outrage found during the Vietnam War.

In fact, when *The New York Times* covered public opinion on the Gulf, the typical response was that of a 65-year-old man who said he regretted being too old to fight in the

Gulf now. He also called our scared youth wimps for not wanting to fight, saying they were not willing to die like their forefathers for the freedom and principles America was built on.

When the reporter asked him what we were fighting for in the Gulf, however, the man had no idea. Whatsoever.

This lack of any idea concerning our goals in the Gulf is a very common problem in America right now. And yet the American people, by their silence or blind zealotry, are willing to have our young die for this empty cause, these uncertain ideals.

"Avalon", the latest film by Barry Levinson, seems to show WHY we are so blind to reason nowadays. The answer lies in television.

The story of 60 years in the life of an immigrant family, "Avalon" shows the hidden impact of television on the lives of a LOT of American families. As the film begins, dozens of relatives share meals around massive tables, talking endlessly.

As the story continues and television enters their lives along with the money for such luxuries, the family splits up gradually. Soon there are tables for four in homes spread out across a vast city, and a mad dash to the television when everyone's favorite program comes on. Still later, the families don't even bother to eat at a table at all. Dinner is served on TV trays spread out in front of the screen. No one talks to each other at all.

That is the sad reality of America nowadays. People rarely talk to each other anymore, except to ask what program is on the tube each night or to ask what Sam Malone just said to Rebecca on "Cheers". There is a real lack of talk on things that matter, and our country is suffering for it. We are entrenched in the Saudi desert, waiting for Jan. 15 to hit.

In case you haven't noticed, that is the day George Bush has committed American forces to strike, barring a miracle withdrawal by Hussein. Unfortunately, millions of Americans will be tuned into pointless television shows while our first soldiers die.

It's time to start thinking. I hope it's not too late.

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want to be developing a half-baked program in engineering."

Tucker said by the end of the '90s he hopes to have the engineering program accredited with 200 to 300 engineering students enrolled.

With an engineering department, TCU would become an option for the more than 100,000 high school students who indicate an interest in engineering on their SAT test, he said. Also, the program could raise TCU's average SAT scores because engineering students typically score 50 points higher on the test than non-engineering students, he said.

The program will allow current students who want to change their majors to engineering the option of remaining at TCU rather than transferring to another university, he said.

Tucker said the program will have "the two lynch-pins of engineering," which are mechanical and electric engineering. These may eventually spin-off into other areas such as computer engineering, he said.

"Right now, it's a matter of how much you can bite off," Tucker said.

The cost of developing an engineering program and getting a building for it will be a few million dollars over the next few years, he said, but after TCU establishes the mechanical and electrical engineering programs, options will open up in other areas.

An engineering program will compliment the other natural science departments and help retain and enroll more students, Tucker said.

Athletic program

The decision to renew Jim Wacker's contract as head football coach for one year was a "vote of confidence" for Wacker, Tucker said.

"There's no stability or continuity in a long-term contract," he said. "We fully expect continuation of progress to be made, and if it is, the contract will continue to roll over."

Tucker said the criteria used to judge progress included:

- a stabilizing program
- a high graduation rate of athletes
- and record of wins and losses.

"I think it's important for TCU to have a winning season," he said. "We gave an extension to a coach who has not had a winning season since 1984 — and do I apologize for that? No."

The total progress is what decides contract extension, Tucker said.

"If we were 8-3 with no senior graduates, that would really trouble me," he said.

The graduation rate at TCU is 50 to 60 percent for all students and the rate for athletes is a few percent higher than that, he said.

The athletic program, although expensive, provides the university with publicity that cannot be

gained any other way, Tucker said.

The men's football and basketball teams are the only sports on campus to generate revenue, he said. Other sports, although necessary to remain in Division I of the Southwest Conference, have created about \$1.6 million in deficit each year for several years, he said.

"It costs money," Tucker said, "but there is a positive impact on the university."

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees see themselves as the board of a private corporation, and have a right to keep the meetings closed to the public, Tucker said.

A resolution to open the TCU Board of Trustee meetings to the public and media was presented to trustees on the Student Relations Committee Nov. 15. The proposal was defeated at the general Board of Trustee meeting, however, the committee recommended that the editor of the *Skiff* be made a permanent member of the Student Relations Committee in order to improve communication between students and trustees.

"I find it interesting how many journalists would like to sit in on the trustee meetings," he said, "but how many journalists from the *Star-Telegram* sit in on the board meetings of Cap Cities?"

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On air

Alumnus at home on metroplex airwaves

By CHIP WAGGONER
Special to the Skiff

KTVT sports anchor and TCU alumnus Bobby Estill says he's the luckiest man in town. He is the sports anchor of the new newscast on KTVT Channel 11, and for him, things couldn't be better.

"He is an excellent sportscaster who gives you more than just the headlines," said Jim Holland, news director at KTVT. "He has the unique capabilities to look at stories as a sports jock and also add a comic perspective as well."

Holland said that Estill's knowledge and his likable personality also help in capturing the audience's interest.

Estill was born and raised in Dallas, and he graduated from TCU in 1980. He also played football for the Horned Frogs. He compares his experiences as a football player to those of Dallas Cowboys' backup quarterback and perennial benchwarmer Babe Laufenberg.

"I was kind of the Babe Laufenberg on the team," he said. "I never got to play much because I played behind Mike Renfro and Phillip Epps, who both went on to have great NFL careers."

"I was always the ham on the team," he said. "One time I snuck out

of the dorm the night before the Texas game to go hunting. Fortunately, I didn't get caught."

At the time, he was also working for KTCU-FM as the sports director. After one of the games, he impersonated one of his teammates being interviewed, and to his surprise, it aired.

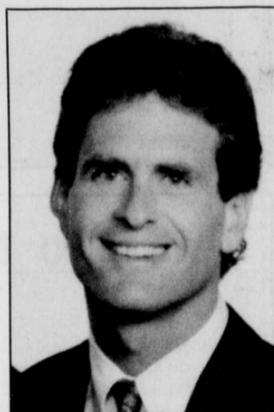
"I was shocked," Estill said. "I was joking around doing both the interviewing and being the interviewee, and then I heard it on the air. It was kind of funny in an embarrassing kind of way."

Estill said it was tough not being able to play, but it gave him more time to focus on his radio-TV-film degree. His first job was as an intern at KXAS-TV Channel 5, and from there, he went on into the professional world.

"My first job was at KLTN in Tyler. I was there a few months. Then I went to six stations in 10 years," he said. His journeys took him to Tyler, Texas; Wilmington and Raleigh, N.C.; Orlando, Fla.; Boston and San Diego.

"It was fun," he said, "but I've always wanted to come back to the Dallas/Fort Worth area."

Now Estill is taking on the challenges of starting a newscast from scratch. KTVT launched the hour-long "Newswatch 11" this summer.



Bobby Estill

"It has been a lot of hard work," he said, "but it has been exciting as well. The newscast is being received well so far, and the ratings have exceeded our expectations."

So far, the newscast has captured a 4.0 Nielsen rating against network prime-time programming. Channel 11 needs a 3.0 rating or better to break even.

"It looks good so far," he said. "If I can, I'd like to stay for ever and ever."

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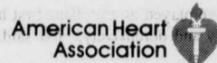
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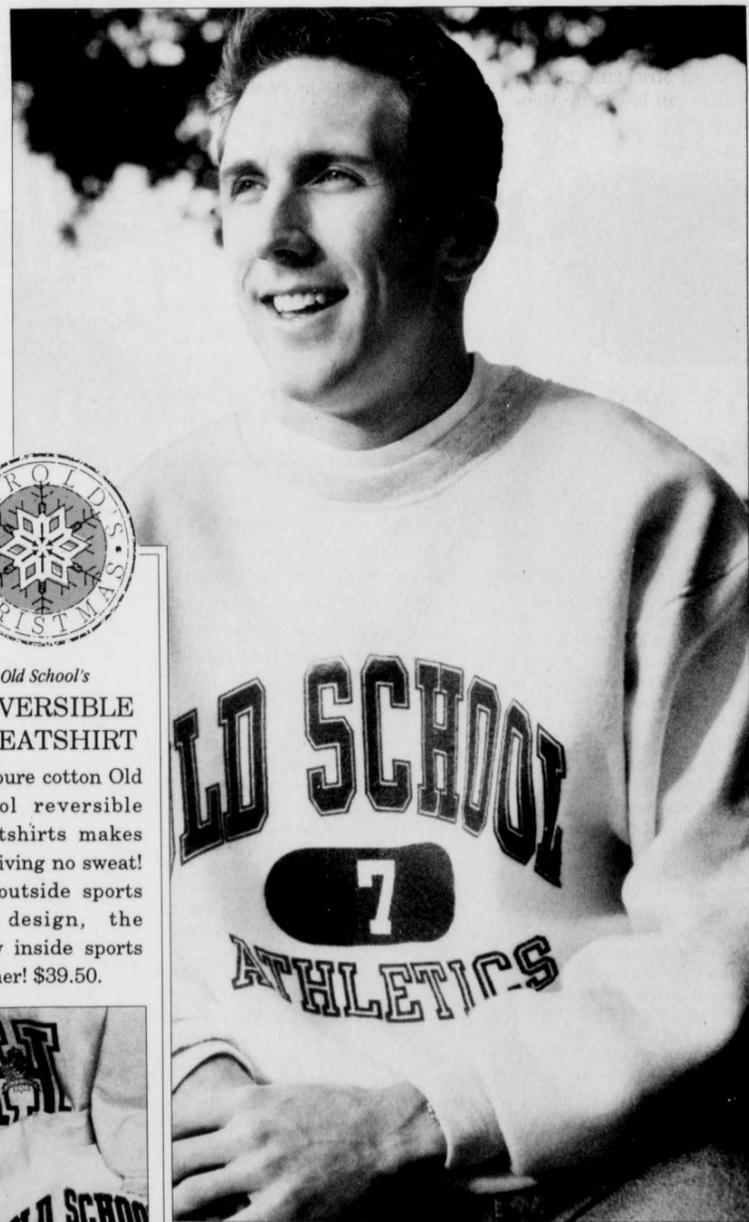
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Sports

Horned Frogs beat fatigue, Trojans

Going inside to Smith keys 72-58 victory

By KYLE HENRY
TCU Daily Skiff

Moe Iba loves defense, and during the Horned Frogs' 72-58 victory over the Arkansas-Little Rock Trojans, defense is what he got.

In addition to great defense, Reggie Smith and the TCU offense put on a first-half show. The Frogs (3-1) hit 16 of 31 from the field for just 52 percent, but five of nine from three-point range, for 56 percent.

Much of the Frogs' three-point punch came from point guard Michael Strickland, who hit three of four in the first half. Smith provided the inside punch as he finished with 28 points and 14 rebounds in 40 minutes worth of action.

"There's not many postmen in the country better than him (Smith)," said TCU head coach Moe Iba. "Maybe there are offensively, but not when you put the two (offense and defense) together."

TCU relied on the outside game through much of the first half, using the outside shooting abilities of Strickland and guard Albert Thomas. Strickland had 16 points and Thomas scored seven.

"At first we were trying to force it inside, but they were doubling down so we had to kick it back out," Smith said. "Then our guys started hitting outside shots which relieved the pressure on me."

The TCU defense held UALR (1-1) to just 31 percent from the floor in the first half and 35 percent from the floor on the night.

The Trojans helped the Frogs' defensive cause, taking poor shots throughout the game.

"We did start to force some shots," said UALR Head Coach Jim Platt. "When you start to get down, you start to get anxious."

It was the fourth game in six days for the Frogs.

"We played an excellent first half offensively and defensively," Iba said. "We ran out of gas (in the second half)."

To combat the fatigue, Iba went to ball control offense in the second half.

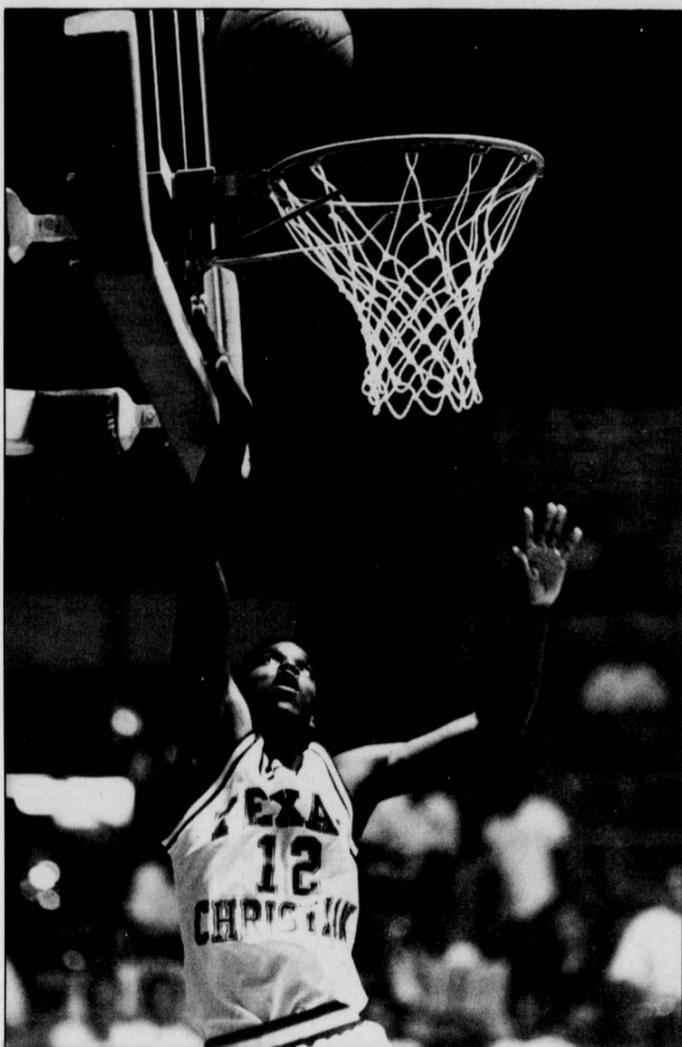
"We couldn't guard anybody," Iba said. "They (UALR) scored every time down the floor. We just ran out of gas."

"Right now we just need a little rest, that's what we'll try to do tomorrow."

The Frogs got a lift off the bench from senior guard Kelvin Crawford, who was 3-of-5 shooting from the field. He hit one three-pointer and had two rebounds in 22 minutes of action.

One thing Iba must be pleased with was the Frogs' free-throw shooting. The Frogs shot 64 percent from the line, well above that of Monday night ago.

Strickland, the Horned Frogs' starting



TCU Daily Skiff/ Jim Winn

Part-time point guard, part-time shooting guard Michael Strickland takes a break from three-pointers and assists to go inside against San Jose State Monday. Strickland had 16 points in Wednesday's night's win over Arkansas-Little Rock and made three of six three-pointers.

point guard, also helped relieve pressure on Smith. Strickland finished the game with 16 points, seven rebounds, seven assists and two steals.

"In the first half I had to take my time and take what the defense was giving me," Strickland said. "They were giving me the three-pointer so I took it and hit some of them."

"Coach (Iba) told us to take our time on offense. He said the first couple of passes they'd pressure us real well, but after five or six passes we could get any shot we wanted."

While Iba was not willing to predict how the Frogs will finish this year, he said he was

pleased with their effort on the floor. "I'm really happy with them," Iba said. "They're trying to do what we ask them to. Everybody played well. That's the way we have to play. The effort was tremendous. That's the best group of kids I've had since I've been at TCU."

Crawford agreed. "We're starting to play more as a team," said Crawford. "We still have some knots to untie, but we played well tonight."

The Frogs host the Brooklyn College Kingsmen Saturday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Gametime is set for 7:35 p.m.

Patience aims to lessen deadness of Frogs' legs

By JEFF BLAYLOCK
TCU Daily Skiff

TCU head basketball coach Moe Iba stood on the Daniel-Meyer sideline and shouted at his offense most of the night.

"Move! Move!"

It was a hard order for the Frogs to follow, especially since Arkansas-Little Rock was their fourth opponent in six nights. But the Frogs delivered with a patient ball-control offense and, at times at least, a tough man-to-man defense to beat the Trojans, 72-58.

The difference, as it has been for the Frogs' first three wins, was center Reggie Smith. Smith scored 28 points and had 14 rebounds while playing all 40 minutes.

TCU consistently made five or more passes around the perimeter before getting it inside to their 6-10 postman.

"We found out that by making five or six passes, we could get the shots we wanted," said forward Allen Tolley. "Reggie (Smith) is underrated. He's one of the best centers in the country."

Tolley said the team has someone it can turn to inside when it needs the big basket in Smith.

"He'll either get the shot or draw a foul," Tolley said.

Smith made 12 shots in the paint despite being consistently shovled by the Trojan big men, 6-7 Erksine Caldwell and 6-5 James Womack. He was also 4-of-6 shooting free throws.

Inside shooting was augmented by the outside shot during the first half. TCU made five of its nine three-point shots, led by point guard Michael Strickland, who made three of four. Strickland had 16 points on the night.

TCU's offense clicked with both Strickland and Dan Dore as the point guards. Strickland said he is comfortable as the point guard, but that he is probably going to move back to shooting guard when one of the first-year players emerges as the starter. Strickland had a game-high seven assists.

Iba said he was pleased with the Frogs' game, even with the defense, which too often allowed easy Trojan baskets. The fatigue from four contests in six days showed, especially during the final minutes of the first half and the middle of the second.

"They got tired," Iba said. "Their legs were dead."

Iba's patient pass offense had another purpose than just to get the ball to the big man inside. The longer the Frogs stayed on offense, the less they had to spend playing defense.

"Everyone was exhausted," Tolley said.



TCU center Reggie Smith was named the SWC's player of the week.

"but we pulled through. In the first five to seven minutes (of the second half) we let them come back in. The fatigue showed."

UALR had cut the Frogs' 15-point half-time lead to seven, 48-41. Then Albert Thomas got the ball inside to Smith, who was fouled. Smith sunk both free throws and sent the Frogs surging again offensively. The defense also pulled together.

TCU's patience wore on UALR, and their impatient style of play caused them to force too many bad shots and miss too many shots inside. The Trojans tallied seven assists in the game to the Frogs' 20. They also shot just 35 percent from the floor to the Frogs' 50 percent.

Although the win over a team that has made the NCAA tournament three of the last five years is a confidence-builder, Iba said his team is far from where it was last year.

"Half the time, we don't know what the hell we're doing," he said. "We haven't had enough practice time. We haven't even put in all the offense yet. But the players played better today than I thought they would have."

Iba said his players will not work out today so they can rest their legs, but the team will practice Friday for Saturday's game against Brooklyn College.

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Clockwise from right, reporters on the scene interview Don Stewart, research assistant, who first reported the fire to campus police. Students and faculty remain at the Sid Richardson Building after being evacuated until police declared it a restricted area. Firefighters equipped with full protective gear, leave Sid Richardson after making initial inspections. A Fort Worth police officer warns onlookers to stay back before the officials roped off the area with a police line. Fort Worth firefighters install a high pressure hose into a fire hydrant adjacent to Sid Richardson. Photos by Trip Meade



Fire/ from page 1

The fire department will begin an investigation today to determine the cause of the fire and whether any chemicals were involved, fire department officials said.

The Sid Richardson Building was released back to the university by the fire department about 10:30 p.m., said William Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Walter McConnell, a chief technician for the Fort Worth Fire Department, said that the second alarm for the fire was called in at 7:39 p.m. mainly because of the need for more manpower.

Robin Chandler, a chemistry graduate student, was working in the library on the fourth floor of the Sid Richardson Building when smoke began coming through the vents. She said she saw fire underneath the door of the lab when she went out into the hall, where the smoke was "thick and irritating."

Chandler said a variety of flammable chemical organic solvents are stored in the lab, as well as electrical equipment.

Don Stewart, a chemistry research

assistant who originally called the Campus Police and led fire fighters to the scene of the fire, said the lab is strictly a research lab and that no classes are held in it.

Stewart said the fire started when a graduate student was purifying the chemical compound called aniline for an undergraduate lab.

Stewart said when he saw the room, about half of the room had been damaged by the fire.

Richard Riojas of TCU house-keeping said he was on the fourth floor after 7:30 p.m., and the hall was filled with smoke. When he and other people in the hall located the fire he could see the flames through the crack in the door, he said.

Jeff Vernor, a senior environmental science major, said he was in the building about 7:35 p.m. to pick up some materials when people started evacuating.

"I went up to the fourth floor, and the elevator door opened and smoke poured in. So I went right back down and everyone was running around telling people to evacuate," Vernor said.

He said the evacuation was "completely word of mouth."

He said he saw professors running out with their belongings.

Kristen Gould, a sophomore journalism major, said she was in a geology lab about 7:20 p.m. when her class was told to evacuate the building.

"It smelt terrible. There was no alarm going off, but a policeman told us that if we saw an alarm to pull it," she said.

Kevin Schmidt, a geology graduate student, was on the first floor working on a project when the fire began.

"I thought the slide projector (I was using) was melting one of my slides because it smelled funny. Fifteen minutes later, a TCU cop came by and said there was a fire and they were evacuating," Schmidt said.

Keat See, a chemistry research assistant, said he was working in a chemistry lab on the fourth floor about 7:30 p.m. when the janitor came by to tell him to evacuate. See brought out his doctorate dissertation with him in a suitcase.

Two computer science majors, Jo Bonner and Steve DuVoll, said they left the building when they heard about the fire, but went back into the Sid Richardson mezzanine, a floor between the first and second, to make sure that everyone was evacuated from the "crooks and nannies." They said they unlocked computer labs to check for people.

Bonner and DuVoll found Han Dinh, a senior computer science major, who was working in Room M12. Dinh said she didn't know there was a fire until Bonner and DuVoll found her about 8 p.m.

Campus Police were notified of the fire at 7:29 p.m., a Campus Police officer said.

The fire fighters began leaving the scene between 9:30 and 9:45 p.m.

McConnell said the hazardous material team would stay on the scene until a complete investigation had been made to make sure that no smoldering cinders remained.

Staff writers John Moore and Stev Klinetobe contributed to this report.

